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OPA Daily Digest for 9/24/13

Congressional Inquiries:

Sen. Claire McCaskill (Mo.) 9/23/13. Subcontractor complaints of payments not received for work done for lead removal at North County Schools in St. Francois County. Due: 10/9/13. Contact: LaTonya Sanders, 7555 (open)

Rep. Ann Wagner (Mo.) 9/18/13. Requests an update/briefing on the West Lake Landfill site. Due: 9/20/13. Contact: LaTonya Sanders, 7555 (closed)

Rep. Billy Long (Mo.) 9/17/13. Subcontractor complaints of payments not received for work done on the Oronogo remediation project. Due: 10/2/13. Contact: LaTonya Sanders, 7555 (open)

Rep. Tim Huelskamp (Kan.) 9/17/13. Requests information on EPA's guidance for enforcing the SPCC rule after 9/23. Due: 9/18/13. Contact: LaTonya Sanders, 7555 (closed)

State Government Inquiries:

Example: Rep. Bill Otto (Mo): 9/17/13: Questions on sources of radioactive isotopes at Westlake site. Contact: Sarah Hatch, 7199 (closed)

Press Inquiries:

Example: KMOX Radio, St. Louis – Kevin Killeen – 9/20/13: Questions about West Lake Landfill Site at Bridgeton, Mo. Contact: Chris Whitley, 7394 (closed)

KMOX Radio, St. Louis – Michael Calhoun – 9/24/13: Questions about the Carter Carburetor Site in St. Louis, Mo. Contact: Chris Whitley, 7394 (closed)

Environmental Stories:

The Times Picayune – Federal judge orders EPA to determine 'necessity' of regulating nutrients entering Mississippi River – 9/24/13 - A federal judge in New Orleans has handed environmental groups what amounts to half a loaf in their push for federal regulations on the flow of pollutants into the Mississippi River that fuels the annual spring low-oxygen "Dead Zone" along Louisiana's Gulf coast.

http://www.nola.com/environment/index.ssf/2013/09/federal_judge_orders_epa_to_de.html

Des Moines Register - Court prods EPA on pollution - 9/24/13 - A new court order could be a significant step in pushing the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency into setting limits on pollution that fuels the algae growth in the Mississippi River basin and the Gulf of Mexico, say the environmental groups suing the federal government.

<http://www.desmoinesregister.com/article/20130924/BUSINESS/309240108/0/INDIANOLA/?odyssey=nav|head>

Des Moines Register - Environmental groups say new order could lead to EPA action on gulf 'dead zone' - 9/24/13 - A new court order could push the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency over the next six months to acknowledge whether or not to set limits on pollution that fuels the algae growth in the Mississippi River basin and the Gulf of Mexico.
<http://blogs.desmoinesregister.com/dmr/index.php/2013/09/23/environmental-groups-say-new-order-could-lead-to-epa-action-on-gulf-dead-zone/article>

KMUW Radio -New EPA Rule Could Threaten Kansas Coal-Fired Plant Expansion - 9/24/13 - The EPA has proposed new carbon emissions standards for coal and gas-fired power plants built in the future. However, it's unclear whether the rule will apply to the expansion of a coal-fired plant in southwest Kansas.
<http://kmuw.org/post/new-epa-rule-could-threaten-kansas-coal-fired-plant-expansion>

North Jersey - Final review for Cape Superfund site - 9/24/13 - The Environmental Protection Agency is giving a final review to a Superfund site in Cape Girardeau.
http://www.northjersey.com/news/national/224994662_Final_review_for_Cape_Superfund_site.html

KPLR-TV - Barrier wall to be built between Bridgeton & West Lake Landfills -9/24/13 - People who live and work near the Bridgeton landfill thought their concerns were falling on deaf ears.
<http://kplr11.com/2013/09/24/barrier-wall-to-be-built-between-bridgeton-west-lake-landfills/>

KMOX-TV -Trench Planned to Keep Bridgeton Fire From Radioactive Waste - 9/24/13 - The Pattonville Fire Protection District is applauding a decision to build a firebreak trench at the Bridgeton Landfill, where an underground fire has been burning not far from buried radioactive waste.
<http://stlouis.cbslocal.com/2013/09/24/trench-planned-to-keep-bridgeton-fire-from-radioactive-waste/>

Press Releases:

Link to all R7 press releases: <http://go.usa.gov/Qx5>

None

Fact Sheets:

Link to all R7 fact sheets: <http://www.epa.gov/region7/factsheets>

None

Upcoming Administrator/RA Events:

* New additions noted with an asterisk

10/2/13 - Quaker Oats WasteWise Event, Columbia, Mo. Contact: Becky Weber, 7487

10/2/13 - Bridgeton Update with Sara Parker Pauley and Missouri Attorney General Chris Koster, Jefferson City, Mo., Contact: Ron Hammerschmidt, 7566

10/3/13 - 2013 TMDL 4-State Conference, Regional Office. Contact: John DeLashmit, 7821

10/31/13 - RA Meeting, Washington DC. Contact: Julia Cacho, 7071

10/8/13 – Children's Health Month – EJ Small Grants Kick-Off Event, TBD. Contact: LaTonya Sanders, 7555

10/10/13 – Choteau Gateway Discussion with St. Louis Mayor, St. Louis, Mo. Contact: Karen Flourney, 7782

10/15/13 - 2013 Fall Water Symposium, Lincoln, Neb. Contact: Karen Flourney, 7782

10/29-30/13 - SES National Executive Leadership Development Conference, Washington, DC. Contact: Becky Weber, 7487

11/15/13 – R7 Senior Management Retreat, National Archives at Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Wendy Lubbe, 7551

DRA:

10/07/13 - National SPCC Training Conference, Regional Office Contact: Margaret Stockdale, 7936

10/09/13 - Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration, Regional Office Contact: Karim Dawani, 7289

10/29-30/13 - SES National Executive Leadership Development Conference - Washington, DC. Contact: Becky Weber, 7487

10/31 –11/1/13 - Executive Management Council Meeting, Washington, DC Contact: Dana Peters, 7444

RA/Immediate Office

None

Other Events

AWMD

None

CNSL

None

ECO/EJ

9/24 - 25/13 – EJ Small Grant Coordinators Workshop, Arlington, Va. Contact: Brendan Corazzin, 7429

10/9/13 – Black Health Care Coalition EJ Small Grant Kick Off, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Althea Moses, 7649

11/1/2013 – EJ Presentation at Children’s Mercy Hospital, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Althea Moses, 7649

ENSV

None

PLMG

None

RA/OPA

None

SUPR

10/22-23/13 – Regional Response Team Fall Meeting with Federal and State partners, TLC. Contact: Janice Kroone, 7005

WWPD

9/20/13 – Water Classification Workgroup meeting and New Ammonia Criteria meeting, Jefferson City, Mo. Contact: Bob Angelo, 7060

9/22-26/13 – Ground Water Protection Council meeting with other state Primacy Agencies, St. Louis, Mo. Contacts: Mary Tietjen-Mindrup, 7431, Kurt Hildebrandt, 7413

9/23/13 - Kansas Department of Health and Environment program implementation issues, Topeka, Kan. Contact: Steve Schaff, 7447

9/18/13 – Renovation, Repair, and Painting Rule and Lead Hazard Disclosure Presentation, Missouri Association of Code Enforcement, Lake Ozark, Mo. Contact: Tom Brick, 7913

9/24/13 – Metropolitan Sewer District Consent Decree Update, St. Louis, Mo. Contacts: Karen Flournoy, 7782, Jodi Bruno, 7810

9/25/13 - Missouri Water and Wastewater Conference, Columbia, Mo. Contacts: Neftali Hernandez-Santiago, 7036, Stan Calow, 7410

9/26/13 – Water Resources Coordinating Council, Des Moines, Iowa. Contact: Karen Flournoy, 7782

9/30/13 - Kansas Department of Health and Environment program implementation issues, Topeka, Kan. Contact: Steve Schaff, 7447

10/1/13 – Ash Grove Cement Company site visit, Chanute, Kan. Contact: Darin Banks, 7224

10/3/13 – Iowa Tribes Sanitary Survey, White Cloud, Kan. Contact: Kimberly Willis, 7069

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